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Kernan Awards Grant to Fisher's Clarke Engineering Services, Inc.

INDIANAPOLIS – Gov. Joe Kernan announced today that the Department of Workforce Development has awarded a \$39,418 grant to Clarke Engineering Services, Inc. of Fishers to train 11 of its employees.

Clarke Engineering Services, Inc. is an independently owned and operated engineering services company that specializes in equipment commissioning, installation, integration, validation and project management for the life sciences industry. The company also develops and integrates automated vision systems into packaging and manufacturing applications. Clients include major pharmaceutical and diagnostics companies within the state of Indiana and across the United States.

"Developing the skills of our life sciences workforce is critical in meeting the needs of this high growth industry," said Kernan. "We are delighted to partner with Clarke Engineering in order to expand Indiana's life sciences presence."

Advanced education is essential in the life sciences industry to remain current with constantly changing Food and Drug Administration requirements and the industry's technological advances. Clarke Engineering Services' employees will participate in coursework and training that will enable them to pursue professional project management certification, certified pharmaceutical engineering distinctions, advanced controls engineering expertise, and, in one case, funds towards completion of a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering technology. A dollar-for-dollar match from the company leverages the grant award.

"This grant will not only enable Clarke Engineering to increase employee training skills and provide better quality services to our customers but will also effectively promote the development and growth of a highly skilled workforce within the state of Indiana. We appreciate this opportunity and the excellent support provided by DWD for this program," said Chris Clarke, company president and founder.

"This grant allows a small company like Clarke Engineering to fund continued education and training of employees and helps them to develop advanced technical skills, providing a win for Clarke Engineering, our employees, and the state of Indiana," added Stacy Capek, lead project manager for Clarke Engineering.

All Indiana businesses are eligible to apply for Incumbent Worker Training grants. The grants are designed to create a world-class workforce in Indiana, through continuous improvement to the skill levels of Hoosier workers.

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Through its various programs and initiatives, the DWD is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies to create new jobs and improve employee skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, partners with the state's 27 WorkOne Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures and operates a statewide job placement service.

For more information on this or other DWD programs, contact Jeff Harris at 317/232-3396 or visit the web site at www.workforce.IN.gov.

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